

Program A: Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates

Program Authorization: R.S. 15:824 and R.S. 33:1432; R.S. 574.2-574.21; R.S. 15:1111; Hayes Williams, et al v. John McKeithen, et al CA 71-98b (M.D. La.)

Program Description

The mission of the Sheriff's Housing Program to provide a safe and secure environment for the adult male and female offenders and juveniles who have been committed to state custody and are awaiting transfer to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), Corrections Services. Due to space limitations in state correctional institutions, the DPS&C, Corrections Services, continues its partnership with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and other local governing authorities by utilizing parish and local jails for housing offenders. The state reimburses sheriffs at the rate of \$22.39 per day (FY 2001-2002 rate) per state inmate housed in local jails. The state also reimburses juvenile detention centers \$86.79 (FY 2001-2002 rate) per day per offender for those pending secure placement in accordance with Act 1018 of 2001. Louisiana houses more state offenders in local jails than any other state.

According to a 2000 Legislative Fiscal Office survey, 14 of 16 Southern Legislative Conference states surveyed confined inmates in local jails. The shifting of inmates to the local level has caused some jails to house inmates in excess of designed capacities. Of the ten state reporting local jail capacity data, state inmates filled approximately 19.5% of those beds. Local jail populations exceed reported capacity in five of the seven states reporting total jail populations. In Louisiana, state prisoners generally occupy about 43.8% of the prisoner beds available in local prisons.

Because of the critical need for close coordination between state and local government in the management of prison and jail bed space, the DPS&C, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and other interested parties have forged a Community Corrections Partnership to assure maximum efficiency in the system. Assistance in the construction of new jail space, effective utilization of the space, and a joint monitoring and quality assurance mechanism are key components. The department and local public entities agree to provide jail space in excess of local needs in exchange for the state's commitment to utilize a fixed percentage of the space. This arrangement enables financing of the facility when other options are not available and allows expansion of the number of beds for local use as well as state use. As of August 2001, the department has 30 cooperative endeavor agreements for adult beds, all of which has been approved by the Division of Administration.

The department and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association have jointly developed a comprehensive set of basic jail guidelines, which must be followed by any parish prison or local detention facility as a condition of housing state inmates. This voluntary quality assurance effort has done much to ensure that the basic conditions under which state inmates are housed in local facilities are safe and constitutional.

The goal of the Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates Program is to continue the Community Corrections Partnership, which utilizes parish and local jails for housing offenders committed to the state's custody and awaiting transfer to Corrections Services and through the program.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$138,907,751	\$137,799,245	\$137,799,245	\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	\$6,649,090
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$138,907,751	\$137,799,245	\$137,799,245	\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	\$6,649,090
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	138,907,751	137,799,245	137,799,245	144,448,335	144,448,335	6,649,090
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$138,907,751	\$137,799,245	\$137,799,245	\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	\$6,649,090
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded entirely with State General Fund.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$137,799,245	\$137,799,245	0	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$137,799,245	\$137,799,245	0	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$6,649,090	\$6,649,090	0	Workload Adjustments - Increase from 15,280 to 16,094 inmates and a projected 700 inmates in Work Release
\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	0	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	0	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$144,448,335	\$144,448,335	0	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

OTHER CHARGES

\$137,068,002	Provides for the housing of 16,094 state inmates in parish and local jails and 700 work release inmates.
\$100,000	Provides the reimbursement of extraordinary medical expenses incurred by sheriffs and police departments for state inmates housed in parish and local jails.
\$657,000	Provides an additional payment of \$3 per day for the Intensive Supervision Program.
\$2,203,363	Provides for Vernon Parish, Sabine Parish, Natchitoches Parish and Morehouse Parish Law Enforcement Districts debt retirement.
\$4,419,970	Provides for medical/psychiatric payments to Orleans Parish Sheriff for the adult and juvenile offenders incarcerated in the Orleans parish jail.
\$144,448,335	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.